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Bar Support for Judgeship Jumps Districts

By BEN BEAGLE
Times Staff Writer

The mail battle for the nomination of a new federal judge for U.S. District Court for Western Virginia—with several exceptions—is following expected geographical lines, the files of two Western Virginia congressmen show.

But in the case of Roanoke lawyer William B. Poff—in the race against Glen Williams, a lawyer from Jonesville in the far southwestern tip of the state—recommendations from bar associations have jumped congressional district lines.

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke is supporting Poff for the post while U.S. Sen. William L. Scott is supporting Williams as Western District Republicans wait to see who will be nominated by President Ford.

Susan Aheron, an aide in Butler's office in Washington, said the congressman doesn't like to release statistical information but "he's satisfied the overwhelming number of lawyers (in the federal judicial district) endorse Poff."

And Ray Dotson, aide to 9th District Rep. William C. Wampler of Bristol, said that, not unexpectedly, bar associations farther west in the district are

endorsing Williams for the new judgeship.

Dotson, who said that Wampler, also naturally, supports Williams, added the 9th District congressman "has taken the same position as Caldwell" in favoring a man from his own district.

Butler's office reported that 10 local bar associations so far have sent in resolutions backing Poff. One of these is from the Pulaski County Bar Association—close to the eastern edge of the 9th District which goes from Montgomery County to the western tip of the state—and other bar associations in the 5th District have supported the Roanoker. The 5th District supporters include the Floyd County, Franklin County and the Martinsville-Henry County associations.

Wampler's office reported bar association endorsements, all in the 9th District, from Tazewell,

Russell, Dickenson and Lee County bar associations, plus the City of Bristol's lawyers' group.

Dotson also reported endorsements for Williams from a St. Paul law firm, a lawyer in Dickenson County and a private citizen in Pearisburg.

Butler's office said there also had been some individual mail received but—not liking statistical information—it wouldn't say how many letters, overall, had been received.

Poff's endorsements, Butler's office said, ranged into the western edge of the 7th Congressional District with an endorsement from the Charlottesville-Albemarle County Bar Association.

In the 6th District, the office said, Poff endorsements include those from bar associations in the Bath-Alleghany-Clifton Forge-Covington area, the cities of Waynesboro and Roanoke, Roanoke County-Salem and Botetourt County.

Poff also has the endorsement of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Virginia Defense Attorneys Association.

All of the endorsements for both candidates, while jumping over congressional district lines, come from the Western Virginia federal judiciary district.

The request of Federal Judge Ted Dalton of Radford for semi-retirement status—although he has said he will continue to help out with the large caseload in the district—has brought on the search for a new judge.

And, although both Butler and Scott say they are not in a quarrel over the Poff-Williams judgeship affair, some watchers of politicians say the disagreement over who should sit on the federal bench in Western Virginia could divide the party in 1978 when Scott is up for re-election.

Butler, they say, certainly is a possibility to seek the GOP nomination for the Senate seat

and they add that Scott has been angered several times by goings-on in 6th District Republican politics—including the invitation for Vice President Rockefeller to visit Roanoke earlier this fall.

President Ford has sent both names to the American Bar Association for a recommendation

and may come up with a nominee later this month or early in 1976.

Should the President nominate Poff, Scott still could block his Senate confirmation by declaring the Roanoke lawyer personally objectionable to him. This is a rare tactic, however.

Virginians vote 9-1 against aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how the U.S. representatives from Virginia voted as the House approved 22 to 203 President Ford's \$2.3 billion measure to aid New York City. A yes vote is a vote to pass the bill.

Democrats—Dan Daniel no; Downing no; Fisher yes; Harris no; Satterfield no.

Republicans—Butler no; R. W. Daniel no; Robinson no; Wampler no; Whitehurst no.

Butler visit scheduled for Dec. 12

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will discuss legislative developments in Washington during the past year as well as legislation which will come up in the 1976 session when he addresses a Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce Capitol Comments meeting Dec. 12.

The breakfast session will get under way at 7:45 a.m. at the Holiday Inn South.

GLCC Executive Director C. Arthur Middleton Jr. said today the American business system has a special stake in these developments in Washington.

"Your presence (at the meeting) will indicate your interest," Middleton said in a letter to GLCC members.

He noted that, as in past Capitol Comments meetings, those attending will be allowed to ask questions of Butler.

City Bar Backs Poff For Judge

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BUTLER TO ADDRESS CHAMBER BREAKFAST *news*

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Following Butler's talk, there will be a question-and-answer period.

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Food stamp changes opposed

By CHARLES STEBBINS
Staff Writer

People who work in the field of aid to the elderly in the Roanoke Valley are trying to build opposition to two legislative proposals dealing with the federal food stamp program.

The proposals are now before Congress. They were proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the food stamp program.

"The proposed regulations discriminate against one-third of the population of the Fifth Planning District who are 60 and older," said Christine White, director of the nutrition department for the League of Older Americans in Roanoke.

She said the proposed new regulations will have the effect of removing from the food stamp rolls people who are legally designated as poverty level and would make administration of the food stamp program more cumbersome.

Ms. White explained that, because of income limitations in the new proposals, about two-thirds of the people receiving supplemental Social Security benefits will not qualify for food stamps. Most of the people receiving the supplemental benefits, she said, are legally designated as being at the poverty level.

One of the proposals would reduce from \$50 to \$44 a month the coupon allotments for women 55 years of age and older who live alone.

Another proposal, which would change the financing, would require couples 60 years of age and older to pay \$1 more than the food stamps would be worth.

A third proposal that sets a limit of \$150 on deductions for people getting food stamps has already been adopted by Con-

gress. The league officials here also were opposed to that.

In an effort to muster opposition to the proposals, about 150 members of the league-sponsored Diners' Clubs signed a petition that was sent to all of Virginia's representatives in Congress and senators from other states who serve on a Senate Se-

lect Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

They were sent to 16 congressmen and senators and so far only five have replied, Ms. White said. Most of those merely acknowledge receiving the petition.

The only reply that gives any support to the league's opposition to the proposals

came from Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the Sixth District.

The proposals grew from attempts to cut U.S. spending and also from complaints that the food stamp program was being abused and should be reformed.

Elaine Engleman, coordinator of outreach for the league, said the proposals do not take into consideration the medical and other necessary expenses of elderly people.

"This is a direct blow to the elderly and the poor," she said.

One of the main things wrong with the food stamp program, she said, is that it is cumbersome.

"Changes come faster than anybody can keep up with," she said. "It's terribly confusing."

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Changes opposed on food stamps

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The league's staff people who work in the food stamp and nutrition field said it is not uncommon for an elderly or poor person's food stamp application to be in the processing stage only to have the regulations change, causing the application to be rejected. The person would be eligible when the application was filed, they said, but not eligible before processing of it is completed.

The new regulations would reduce even further the number of people who could get food stamps, the league's workers said.

"It is unfair and economically unsound to make many older people do without nourishing food, which reduction of food stamp eligibility is sure to do," said Ms. White. "Low income translates to poor nutrition which brings on failing health."

Ms. White said that, if many of the elderly become ill be-

cause of poor nutrition and must go to hospitals or nursing homes, many of them will have to go as wards of the state.

This makes the tightening of food stamp eligibility "penny-wise and pound foolish" in regard to the elderly people, she said.

Ms. White suggests that perhaps there should be a separate food stamp program for the elderly because their financial and health problems are not the same as with younger people.

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Reagan seen getting more support than expected

By DOROTHY S. BROOKS

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler said here today former California Gov. Ronald Reagan is getting a lot more support in his bid for the Republican nomination for president than expected but President Ford "still holds the inside track."

Butler, who was addressing a Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce Capitol Comments breakfast meeting, said that vetoes of bills passed by the Congress will be "critical" insofar as Ford's continued popularity is concerned.

The congressman told The Daily Advance following the meeting at the Holiday Inn South that he will support Ford for President as he feels he is doing a "credible job." Butler added, however, that he will "go with the party nominee."

Asked about Ford's nomination of Judge John Paul Stevens of Chicago to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court, Butler said the court "would move to the right with Stevens appointment." He said further

that all he has read and heard about Stevens has been "good."

Butler, who voted against legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to lend up to \$2.3 billion to financially distressed New York City, says he feels the chances that New York City will be able to repay the money within the fiscal year are "remote."

He said the revenue sources of New York City simply are not up to carrying the financial load.

Butler, who views the loan as a dangerous precedent, said New York City is not going to bring its budget into balance until it curtails substantially the services it provides to its citizens and cuts down the cost of its operations by renegotiating or rejecting burdensome contracts, including collective bargaining agreements.

He said he does not feel this

can be accomplished without the city going bankrupt.

Butler said it is his view that no more federal funds should be committed to New York City until the proposed changes in the Bankruptcy Act have become law, and the city has petitioned for relief under the act.

Asked about the possibility that Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to cities may be discontinued, Butler said considerable pressure is being brought by local government officials for continuing of the program.

He also said he feels the localities have been using the funds wisely.

Generally speaking, Butler said Virginians take a more conservative view to programs than do the new, young and more liberal members of Congress. And he noted that these more liberal members are now

stopping and reviewing the situation.

He said there is a feeling that they misread the 1974 election and now feel it was more a reaction to Watergate than liberal programs.

"I feel there is a more responsible approach pending in Congress on spending," Butler said, so don't give up on the Congress."

The Congressman said the House today is expected to approve a Public Works Appropriations bill which contains \$10.8 million for the Gathright Dam project in fiscal 1976.

Butler was introduced by George Fralin of the GLCC Congressional Action Task Force.

GLCC President E. T. Hapgood presided at the meeting which was attended by approximately 120 persons.



BUTLER ADDRESSES GLCC — Discussing legislative developments in Washington during the past year as well as legislation which will come up in the 1976 session of Congress are, left to right: J. Everette Fauber III, a director of the Greater Lynchburg

Chamber of Commerce; Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler who addressed a breakfast "Capitol Comments" meeting of the GLCC today, and GLCC President Edward T. Hapgood.

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THE SALEM TIMES-REGISTER-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1975

Council studies tax rate plan of assessment

At its regular meeting Monday night, Salem City Council will consider a resolution fixing the tax rate in view of the new 100 per cent assessment of properties.

Beginning January 1, all property will be assessed at 100 per cent of fair market value, with the tax rate lowered proportionately. The "new" tax rate will be \$1.30.

Presently, property is being assessed on a 40 per cent basis, with the tax rate put at \$3.25.

This change, explains Saul, is in compliance with a tax reform package passed this year by the Virginia General Assembly.

"As an example," Saul explained, "using

consider authorizing its sale and purchase.

—consider a resolution re-aligning the duties of the recreation commission.

Butler parts with Ford

Cong. M. Caldwell Butler this week issued a formal statement "respectfully disagreeing" with President Ford in the loan of \$2.3 billion to financially troubled New York City.

"I respectfully disagree with the President who thinks \$2.3 billion will get New York out of the hole this year on that New York will be in a position to repay it within the fiscal year," Butler stated in a report to constituents. "I view this loan as a dangerous precedent that leaves the problems unresolved. New York is not going to solve its problems and bring its budget into balance until it curtails substantially the services it provides to its

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THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., Dec. 19, 1975

HOW VIRGINIANS VOTED

The majority of the Virginia delegation to the House of Representatives voted not to override President Ford's veto of the tax cut extension bill. In the following list, a yes vote is a vote to override the veto. Both Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the sixth congressional district which includes Lynchburg and Rep. W.C. (Dan) Daniel who represents the fifth district that includes Campbell, Appomattox and Pittsylvania counties, voted no, meaning they opposed overriding the veto.

Others voting no were Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson of the seventh district, Rep. William C. Wampler of the ninth district, G. William Whitehurst of the second district, Rep. Robert W. Daniel Jr. of the fourth district, and Rep. David E. Satterfield III of the third district.

Voting yes, meaning they favored overriding the veto were Rep. Thomas M. Downing of the first district, Rep. Herbert E. Harris II of the eighth district, and Rep. Joseph L. Fisher of the tenth district.

THE NEWS, Lynchburg, Va., Fri., Dec. 19, 1975

Poff Endorsed

The Daniels Hill Rappers has endorsed William Poff for judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Copies of their endorsement were sent to Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the Deputy Attorney General, and the White House.

Butler aide to visit Monterey

Sixth District U.S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Highland County Courthouse in Monterey on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the

federal government.

The meeting in Highland County is one of the 10 monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Highland County on

the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular open door meetings which Rep. Butler holds from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

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THE DAILY REVIEW, CLIFTON FORGE, VA., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1975

Butler Representative In Clifton Tuesday

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of the ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Clifton Forge on the third Tuesday of each month.

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Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to complement the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

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Butler Aide in City

An aide from Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's office will be in Buena Vista today, Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss problems citizens are having in dealing with state and national agencies.

The representative will be in the Municipal Building from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Persons who are seeking aid are requested to bring their social security number, Veteran's Administration number or any other data and correspondence relating to their problem.

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A new and unusual cookbook, "Stay at Home - Dine Abroad," features a treasury of international menus and recipes contributed by the Washington embassies of the 45 countries where CARE has served. The travelogue of recipes also features photographic scenes of each country. Proceeds from the book will go to further CARE programs and CARE-Medico aid around the world. To order send \$6.50 to Cookbook, CARE, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20036.

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Rep. Butler's Aide To Be Here Tuesday

An aide to Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will make his usual monthly visit to Bedford next Tuesday, Dec. 23. He will be in the Bedford City Municipal Building that morning from nine to ten-thirty to discuss with any of Mr. Butler's constituents problems involving the federal government.

Any person who has such business to discuss should bring all relevant correspondence, documents, etc.

Congressman Butler's aide is not qualified to deal with any matters in which the constituent may be involved with the state or local governments. He makes such visits to Bedford the fourth Tuesday morning of each month.

BUTLER SAYS PRESIDENT 'HOLDS INSIDE TRACK'

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BUTLER ADDRESSES CHAMBER — Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, right, talks with, from left, Robert D. Ellett and R. H. Beauchamp at Holiday Inn

here Friday where he addressed Capitol Comments Breakfast. Butler told gathering he feels President Ford has "inside track" to GOP Presidential nomination.

— Aubrey Wiley Photo

At Virginia Co-op Month Kickoff

Congressman Butler Discusses Capper Volstead Act

Over 100 members of Friends of The Industry of Agriculture, Virginia Council of Farmers Cooperative, Agricultural workers and guests attended the Co-op month kickoff breakfast October 7 in Richmond, Va.

The speaker, Congressman M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke,

Va., was introduced by Maurice Rowe, Executive Assistant to Governor Mills Godwin.

Congressman Butler spoke on "The Capper Volstead Act" and other potential law changes affecting agriculture which may come before Congress. He said, "The Capper Volstead Act has served us

well for over a half century, but in recent years some officials in the Justice Department and some consumer groups have expressed the belief that we need to take a closer look at this act, particularly as it relates to our governments over all antitrust policy.

Congressman Butler said that as a member of the House Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over antitrust legislation, he would like to discuss some thoughts about the possibility of revision of this act.

Congressman Butler said, "The Department of Justice has suggested that the Congress itself take another look at the Capper Volstead Act to further clarify its relationship to our antitrust laws." He further said that if Congress does get to the Capper Volstead Act, "I must say quite candidly that some changes will probably be forthcoming." One of the most likely changes is one which transfers injunctive authority from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Justice.

He further said, "I believe that Farmer Cooperatives have a tradition that we can be proud of, a tradition of helping smaller farmers band together to cope in a market place dominated by giant food manufacturers, and increasingly, giant farm producers . . . The very great majority of the nation's 7,800 farmer cooperatives operate to increase competition, and to give the small farmer a fair shake."

L. O. Brumback
Contributing Editor

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